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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: SO Reports Directly Bearing on OPC Operations

1. From a review of SO Reports in our files issued over the past year I would like to cite the following items in which information has been issued without the concurrence of OPC, and which may prove a risk to the security of OPC operations.

2. SO Report No. 29356, dated 2 October 1949, subject "Alleged Position of Committee for Free Albania". Paragraph 1 of this report reads as follows:

"Members of the Committee for Free Albania are allegedly discouraged because the United States and Great Britain are believed to have backed down on plans to overthrow the Hoxha Government."

This report received distribution to State, Army, Navy and Air.

3. SO Report No. 39615, dated February-March 1950, subject "British Operations in Albania". No distribution is indicated on this report sheet. Paragraph 1 of this report reads as follows:

"According to Albanian emigres in contact with agents of the British Intelligence Service, at least three missions of nationalist Albanians have been sent to Albania by the British during February and March 1950. All three missions were made up of Balli Kombetar members. One mission was parachuted into north Albania in cooperation with followers of Sajt Kryeziu; two were sent into southern Albania, and one of these is believed to have been landed by sea in February from Corfu."

This information may have endangered the operations of the British who have a joint policy agreement with OPC on Albania.

4. SO Report No. 39616, dated March 1950, subject "British Listing of Albanians in Greece". No distribution is indicated on the report sheet. Paragraph 2 of this report gives the following information:

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"From the ranks of the latter category, the British reportedly hope to be able to recruit additional persons for their current operations into Albania. Concerning these operations, [] who has been in contact with General Prenk Previsi and other Albanian leaders in Greece, has reportedly declared that the Albanian problem will be resolved in accordance with 'British directives' alone. His statement has been interpreted as meaning that the United States and Italy have disinterested themselves in the matter, possibly because the United States fears involvement in Albania might upset her present policy towards Yugoslavia."

5. SO Report No. DB 24528, date of distribution 26 April 1950, subject "Xhafer Deva's Visit to Greece". Distribution is indicated on this report to State, Army, Navy and Air. Paragraph 3 of this report gives the following information:

"A subsequent report states that Deva informed Greek officials that he represented the Albanian Kosevar group, with members in Italy, Greece, Turkey and elsewhere. His plan was to gather all 'Albanian leaders' in Greece under his group, and to obtain secret Greek and American support; he gave the impression of not wishing to cooperate with the British. Deva considered Greece the ideal place from which to mount operations against Albania, and believed that operations of this kind could be handled in such a way as to give the appearance of being conducted by the Albanians alone."

This information reflects some of the basic ingredients of the OPC plan of operation against Albania.

6. SO Report No. DB-24734b, date of distribution 12 May 1950, subject "Free Albanian Activities". Distribution indicated on the report sheet to State, Army, Navy and Air. Information given in paragraph 3 of this report is as follows:

"About 15 April 1950 the Counsellor of the Greek Embassy in Rome, having invited Dosti to confer with him, asked him what he and the other members of the Committee for Free Albania thought of doing in the way of recruiting Albanian refugees in Greece. Dosti allegedly replied that this was a matter of interest not only to him and the members of the Committee but to other Albanians and Americans as well."

Information given in paragraph 4 of this report is as follows:

"It is reported that Hasan Dosti has recommended the broadening of the Committee for Free Albania to include

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the BKI and that his recommendation is receiving serious consideration by persons in the Department of State."

Information contained in paragraph 9 of this report is as follows:

"Jani Dilo is to leave Malta for the United States as an immigrant. However, he was advised (presumably by the British) to enter the United States via Greece as a means of protecting the activities in which he is said to have engaged on Malta for the training of Albanians to be sent inside Albania on operational missions."

Information contained in paragraph 11 of this report is as follows:

"Ihsan Teptani visited Corfu and Malta at a fairly recent but unspecified date, apparently to size up the quality and the morale of the Albanians allegedly being trained on the islands for operations into Albania."

Information contained in paragraph 13 of this report is as follows:

"Among Albanians in Italy it is believed that in the future Albanians recruited for operations into Albania will be trained somewhere in northern Germany."

It is clear that these various references to United States support of plans against Albania and the references to specific persons and phases of both British and OPC operations could endanger the security of these plans and operations which are of interest to us.

7. SO Report No. 43744, dated May 1950, subject "Para-Military Activities of the Committee for Free Albania". No distribution indicated on this report sheet. Paragraph 1 of this report gives the following information:

"On 1 March 1950, Hasan Dosti and Vasil Andoni approached numerous members of the Balli Kombetar at the Magnoli Camp, asking them to take part in special operations against Albania. They succeeded in recruiting some 40 persons on this occasion."

Information contained in paragraph 2 of this report is as follows:

"Abas Kuyi recently declared that if the policy of the Committee for Free Albania of sending small groups of men into Albania were continued, his followers would withdraw from participation in the activities of the Committee."

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This information refers to developments of OPC operations as undertaken covertly through the Committee for Free Albania.

8. SO Report No. 43205, dated June 1950, subject "Recruiting of Albanians for Anti-Communist Operations into Albania". No distribution is indicated on this report sheet.

This report gives the information that a letter written by Zhafer Deva has stated that Sajd Kryeziu is recruiting anti-Communist Albanians for resistance against the present Albanian regime and that he has already sent 120 Albanians from Italy to be trained in a camp located in the British zone of Germany. The report contains the following comment:

"In this connection, an Italian official, who has proved to be reliable in the past, states that on 29 June 1950, a trainload of 130 Albanians passed through Rome. According to this same source, Albanians are being trained in Germany by German officers, under Anglo-American supervision; source added that the first group of Albanians was expected to be ready for operations by mid-August 1950."

9. SO Report No. 51300, dated 4 November 1950, subject "Activities of Free Albanian Leaders". Distribution was indicated on this report sheet to State, Army, Navy and Air. Paragraph 1 of this report contained the following information:

"Sajd Kryeziu, Zel Pali and Caqi Gogo have had meetings with the Greek Foreign Office and Panagiotis Pipinelis, former Permanent Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs. These members of the Committee for Free Albania requested Greek approval for the establishment in Northern Greece of an Albanian camp to which they would bring agents from abroad. Delegates of various Albanian political groups would establish themselves in Athens in connection with the said camp, which would allegedly serve as a base for both intelligence and operational missions into Albania. After the matter was discussed by Greek officials at the highest levels, approval was given by the Greek Foreign Office on the evening of 4 November 1950."

This information discloses clandestine activities of the Committee for Free Albania which was undertaking the negotiations stated in in support of a specific OPC project.

10. Undoubtedly OSO was aware that our operations were involved, but could argue that the channels through which much of

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the above information was obtained are evidence of the fact that security is already doubtful in regard to some aspects of our activities. However, it is considered that the dissemination of information relating to OPC operation is undesirable and unjustifiable without at least the concurrence of OPC even in instances where the security may leave much to be desired.

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